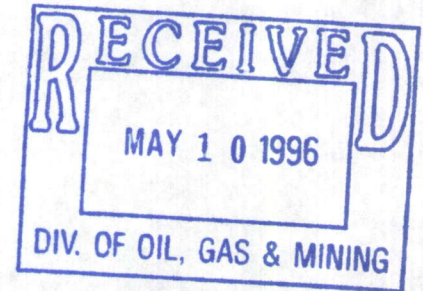




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May 7, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL-Return Receipt Requested

Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation
P.O. Box 1845
Vernal, Utah 4078

Re: Temporary Mine Closure of the Cowboy-Bandana Mine Plan
for Gilsonite Lease, U-0122693, T. 8 S., R. 24 E.,
Section 33, SLM

Dear Mr. Haslam:

On April 30, 1996, a representative from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) inspected the Cowboy mine prior to a temporary closure. The BLM found five gallon buckets of oil along the side of the change house. The BLM inspector told the miners to remove the oil from the site prior to the shutdown. The waste oil drums should also be secured before the mine shutdown. The BLM requests that Ziegler secure the facilities and the main shaft and the escape shaft to protect the reserves and for safety reasons.

Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corp. will notify BLM when the mine resumes production in order that inspections may resume.

For any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Stan Perkes at (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Koza
Deputy State Director,
Natural Resources

cc: Tony Gallegos,
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining